

Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase Weekly Newsletter



Term 3 – Week 2
Friday 15th January 2021

Dear families,

We have continued with another successful week of learning this week, both at home and in school. It has been a pleasure to see the high engagement and support of parents when helping their children with their learning at home. We understand that some of our parents are working extremely hard at home, as well as educating their children and we thank you for all that you are doing. The number of children in school has risen to 23 this week and we do urge you to only request a place in school if you really need it. As you know the reason for the school closure was due to the high number of COVID-19 cases and we need to do all we can to ensure we keep our staff and pupils safe in school. This can be helped by limiting the number of children we have in school.

Our small staff team are working very hard both at home and in school.

Miss Downes and Mrs Warburton are primarily working from home, leading remote learning. However, there will be times when they will be required in school to support the children in Badger and Squirrel classes. When this is the case, their responses to home learning may be delayed so please bear with us.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to another successful week of learning!

Teams Catch-up Sessions

It has been lovely seeing you all on our catch-up Teams meetings. The children have enjoyed seeing all of their friends. We wanted to make you aware of a couple of things:

- If you would like to see a 'Gallery View' then follow the instructions below. However, this doesn't work if your device does not have the most up to date version of teams.

How to select 'Gallery View' on Teams:

- To enable this new layout, click the "... " icon at the top-right of a Teams meeting. From the menu which appears, choose "Large gallery" to enable expanded participant support.

Gravesham Rapid COVID-19 Testing

Gravesham have now got a number of SYMPTOM FREE, rapid-result COVID-19 tests. The following sites are now available for those who DO NOT have symptoms but would like to get a test. This is a very effective way of reducing the spread in those who are Asymptomatic.

Please see the sites that are available below:
Northfleet Youth Club, Hall Road, Gravesend DA11 8AJ
Swanley Youth Club, St Mary's Road BR8 7BU Dartford
Fairfield Leisure Centre, Lowfield Street, Dartford DA1 1JB

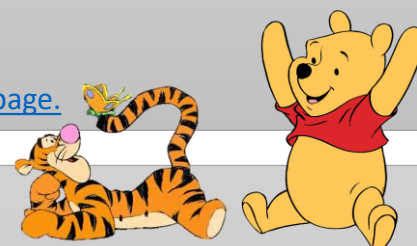
[Click here to book a test.](#)

Aletheia Anglican Academies Trust resources

The Aletheia Anglican Academies Trust has been working hard to provide lots of helpful resources for you and your children while you are home learning.

[Click here to visit the trust Facebook page.](#)

[Click here to visit the trust COVID-19 resources page.](#)



Winnie the Pooh Day

We are planning to celebrate the author A.A. Milne's birthday on Monday, 18th January by having a Winnie the Pooh day. We will be introducing the children to his stories and planning different activities inspired by the books and characters. We are therefore inviting the children to come to school in Winnie the Pooh inspired costumes. For those at home, it would be lovely to see you dressed up too!

Please don't worry if you don't have anything like this at home, we really don't want you to buy anything, but instead perhaps the children could wear clothes in the colour of the characters, e.g., pink, yellow, blue, orange and brown, and if they have any animal ears or masks at home, they could also wear them. At lunchtime in school, we will be having a teddy bears picnic and the children can bring their favourite teddy in with them to take to lunch. For those at home, if you have the time, maybe you could have your own teddy bears picnic.



COVID-19 Wellbeing Book:

This is a very strange time for us all and can be very confusing to children. Because of this, Clare Shaw Children's Books have created a book to help alleviate some of that stress and help you explain Covid-19 to your child. [Click here to read the book now.](#)

Breakfast and After School Club

Those of you with children in school will know that we were looking into the possibility of providing breakfast and after school club. We will now be reviewing the situation on a weekly basis and will let you know as soon as we are able to offer this provision again.



APPEAL FOR OLD LAPTOPS/DEVICES

Can you help?

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Would you be able to help more students gain access to remote learning and donate any laptops that are no longer in use? Our IT Team will then repurpose those devices and distribute them to families that do not have access to a laptop. We would be extremely grateful for anything that you are able to spare during this difficult time. If you would like to donate, please drop it off to our Primary Phase school office.



Hedgehogs – Samuel for using his sounds so well in his writing!

Badgers – Noah for settling in so well and working very hard!

Squirrels – Jason for his amazing effort in English!